



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

October 2009

City Council Members:

- Dennis Nordfelt, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Mike Winder, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Joel Coleman, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number..... 801-966-3600
City Manager 801-963-3220
Police Department . 801-963-3386
Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
Fire Department..... 801-963-3336
Emergency 911
Family Fitness Center
801-955-4000
Garbage Questions 801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448
Housing Authority . 801-963-3320
Parks and Rec..... 801-955-4000
Harman Home 801-966-5540
Stonebridge Golf Course.....
801-957-9000
West Ridge Golf Course.....
801-965-5800
Graffiti Hot Line 801-963-3467
Animal Services..... 801-965-5800
Victims Services 801-963-3223
Ordinance Compliance
801-963-3289
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
801-965-5140

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

SECURITY AT HOME

BY COUNCILMAN RUSS BROOKS

I have heard many residents of the City state that they don't feel secure in their home or neighborhoods. I found some great suggestions on how we can protect our property and our families;

- 1 Never open your door automatically. Install and use a peephole.
- 2 Lock your doors and windows.
- 3 Vary your daily routine.
- 4 Use "Neighborhood Watch" to keep an eye on your neighborhood.
- 5 Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
- 6 Leave lights on when going out at night; use a timer to turn lights on and off when you are away for an extended period.
- 7 Notify neighbors and the police when going away on a trip.
- 8 When you are away remember to cancel deliveries such as newspapers and arrange for someone to mow the lawn if needed. Arrange for your mail to be held by the Post Office, or ask a neighbor to collect it for you.
- 9 Be wary of unsolicited offers to make repairs to your home. Deal only with reputable businesses.
- 10 Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out: keep curtains closed.
- 11 NEVER LET A STRANGER INTO YOUR HOME.
- 12 Do not hide your keys under the mat or in other conspicuous places.
- 13 Never give out information over the phone indicating you are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.
- 14 Be careful of the messages you leave on your answering machine.
- 15 If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger may be inside, DO NOT GO IN. Leave quietly and call 911 to report the crime.

By following these 15 simple suggestions, we all can protect ourselves and neighborhoods and help decrease the crime in this great city. I would like to thank our Police and Fire Departments for their excellent efforts in protecting people and property.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS... CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

As the time change approaches on Sunday, November 1, The West Valley City Fire Department wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives – changing the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

To save lives and prevent needless injuries in West Valley City, the West Valley City Fire Department has joined forces with Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the 22nd year of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery campaign. The program urges all Americans to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall, this year on November 1. West Valley City residents

are encouraged again to check the batteries during the spring time change on March 14, 2010.

In addition, Fire Chief John Evans recommends residents use the "extra" hour they save from the time change to test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out" and practicing escape routes with the entire family. Families should also prepare a fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.

For more ideas and helpful information about how you can be better prepared for emergencies, please download a copy of the West Valley City Emergency Preparedness Handbook, www.wvc-ut.gov/publications.



Recycling Contamination Prevention

To help keep the city-wide recycling program low-cost and successful, it is crucial that containers are not contaminated with unaccepted items. We ask residents to take the time to review the list of accepted items at www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling or at www.acedisposal.com.

Following a third contamination incident, the recycling container could be removed from the residence and a fee may be assessed in order to reinstate service.

If you have any questions regarding recycling contamination procedures, please contact Ace Disposal at (801) 363-9995 or West Valley City Public Works Department at (801) 955-3720.



Transformation West: Changing the Face of West Valley City

3500 South Reconstruction

One of the major projects transforming West Valley City is the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) 3500 South Project. Construction is currently underway on 3500 South to widen the road to add more travel lanes. Additionally, the project will include the installation of a dedicated lane for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as well as burial of power and fiber optic communication lines. New curb, gutter, and sidewalk will also be installed, and UDOT will partner with the City to install trees and lighting.

Traffic has now shifted to the south side of 3500 South. Concrete paving is currently underway on the north side between Bangerter Highway and 2700 West and curb and gutter construction has begun along the north side of the street between Bangerter Highway and 3200 West. During construction, motorists should expect turn lane restrictions at the intersections of Market Street, 3200 West, 3450 West, and 3600 West to accommodate excavation, signal work, and paving operations.

Please note the following restrictions and changes:

- 3600 West: left-turns are now open from east and westbound 3500 South to 3600 West; left turns are closed from north and southbound 3600 West to 3500 South
- 3200 West: left-turns are closed in all directions at the 3200 West intersection.
- 3450 West: left and right-turns are closed to the north leg of the intersection and left-turns are restricted from westbound 3500 South
- Market Street: left-turns are closed from westbound 3500 South to south bound Market Street.

Law enforcement is closely monitoring intersections and issuing citations for left-turn violations and illegal crossing of parking lots to bypass intersections.

UDOT is engaged in a full-scale effort to keep businesses aware of impacts and to help them during construction. The 3500 South project is scheduled for completion by summer 2010; however, the contractor has been offered an incentive to complete the project by the end of November 2009.

During the 3500 South Project, the Public Information Team will be distributing regular updates by e-mail. If you are interested in receiving these updates, send a request to 3500southinfo@utah.gov. Additionally, information is available by calling 801-608-6369 or at www.udot.gov/3500south.

The Community Services Division of the West Valley City Police Department

Captain Anita Schwemmer

The Community Services Division (CSD) of the West Valley City Police Department was formed from the Community Oriented Policing Unit in mid 2007. Since that time the CSD has grown to include the Community Services Unit (CSU), the Neighborhood Narcotics Unit (NNU) and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). The Division's goal is to lead the department into an intelligence-led policing environment. Officers work with a crime analyst to recognize developing crime patterns and with an intelligence analyst to discover who might be committing these crimes. The information is then developed into an action plan to proactively work these crime patterns and suspects until arrests can be made, thus reducing the targeted crime.

The Community Services Unit consists of a sergeant, eight community service officers, a liaison officer and a DARE officer. The community service officers are each assigned a specific geographical area of the city. Their assignment is to work with the citizen's in that area to resolve problems that are impacting the individual neighborhoods in the area. Because not all problems and issues are criminal or solely criminal in nature, officer use a variety of resources to tackle these problems. The officers have developed a close relationship with many government and non-government entities, who they can call upon to help with neighborhood concerns. The liaison officer works directly with the members of the West Valley City Community Preserva-

tion Department in order to coordinate operations where code enforcement officers might need the assistance of the police department to complete their duties and vice versa. The DARE officer teaches students in both elementary schools and junior high schools about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

As the name implies, the members of the Neighborhood Narcotics Unit work to eradicate narcotics sales and use in our neighborhoods. This unit consists of a lieutenant, a sergeant, an asset forfeiture detective and four narcotics detectives. These detectives work very hard to follow up on tips received from citizens and other sources regarding people who are dealing and using illegal narcotics. As many crimes, such as vehicle burglaries and residential burglaries are perpetrated by suspects to fund their narcotics habits, the investigation and prosecution of narcotics crimes can also significantly help in reducing other crimes that trouble our neighborhoods.

The third unit in the Community Services Division is the Special Investigations Unit. This unit, which consists of a sergeant and three detectives, is a proactive unit whose projects are determined by crime patterns and statistics. For example, if the city is experiencing a high amount of residential burglaries, detectives from the Special Investigations Unit will work with the crime analyst



Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West
801-965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

October

- 15 Halloween Cruise Adventure, 5 p.m.
- 19 Genealogy Class, 10AM
- 19 Chronic Pain Control, 11AM
- 21 20 Years Anniversary Reflections, Pete Harman Day
- 22 Ice Cream, 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Tap Dancing Granny Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 23 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 26 Movie Monday
- 26 Genealogy Class, 10 a.m.
- 26 Chronic Pain Control, 11 a.m.
- 27 Esther's Singing Students, 11 a.m.
- 28 Draper Choir, 11 a.m.
- 30 Halloween Activities/Costume Contest, 11 a.m.

For a complete calendar, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/harman.

Weekly Activities

- Chess Club – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Line Dancing – Mondays, 12:30 p.m.
- Ceramics – Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
- Railroad Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., \$1 per class
- Bingo – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:45 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
- Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
- Billiards and Cards – Daily



Did you know the next Meet the Candidates Night will be held October 22, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center? Residents are invited to come mingle with the candidates at 6:00 p.m. Submit your questions now online at www.vote-localutah.com

to determine if there are any patterns in time of day, day of the week, geographical area, etc., and work with the intelligence analyst to determine possible suspects. They will then use that information to target the crime in question, reducing the occurrence of that crime.

The most important piece of the Community Services Division is you, the citizen. Without your help in reporting suspicious activities and people we would not be able to reduce crime and help improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. We encourage you to report any problems on our tip-a-cop line at 801-963-3459 or your Community Services Officer.



Calendar

October

- 8 **Day of the Dead Exhibit** (through November 5)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 8 **The 9 Muses Exhibit** (through November 5)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 19 **Community Crime Prevention Seminar**
Family Fitness Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 **Seminario Para Latinos**
Centro de Celebracion Cultural, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 **Utah Grizzlies Home Opener**
The E Center, 7 p.m.
- 30 **Day of the Dead Celebration**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 6-9 p.m.

November

- 7 **So You Think You Can Dance Tour**
The E Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Community Crime Prevention Seminar**
Family Fitness Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 **Veteran's Day**
City Hall Closed
- 13 **Reparatory Dance Theater Performance**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 7 p.m.
- 16 **Good Landlord Class**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 8 a.m.
- 20 **Sixth Annual Trees of Diversity Exhibit** (through January 4)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 21 **Winter Market: Artisan Treasures from Utah and Around the World**
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- 26 **Thanksgiving**
City Hall Closed

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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Vote Local

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General Election Meet the Candidates Night

October 22, 2009

Utah Cultural Celebration Center
(1355 West 3100 South)

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

(Doors open at 6 p.m. for residents to mingle with candidates)

Submit questions for candidates online at
www.votelocalutah.com

General Election

November 3, 2009

Early Voting

October 20-30, 2009

West Valley City Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.votelocalutah.com